



June 5-9, 2024
It's A Barnyard Mardi Gras
35th District Agricultural Association



Livestock Events at the Merced County Fair

The exhibition of Livestock has long been a part of the fair tradition and a real sense of pride in the community! These livestock events help to create the next generation of men and women in agriculture. By participating in these events, 4-H, FFA and Independent students not only have the opportunity to showcase and sell their animal projects, they also learn responsibility and gain agribusiness experience. Livestock events will take place in the Dairy Ring, Glacier Ring, Les McCabe Arena. Here are some of the many highlights that you will find at this year's Merced County Fair presented by Valley Children's Healthcare:

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:30 a.m. | 4-H Market and Showmanship for Swine – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:30 a.m. | 4-H and FFA Breeding Swine – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:30 a.m. | 4-H & FFA Market and Feeders, Showmanship and Breeding Sheep – Les McCabe Arena
 - Immediately following is the Lads and Ladies Lead Line – Sheep – Les McCabe Arena

Wednesday, June 5

- 7:30 a.m. | FFA Market and Showmanship for Swine – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:30 a.m. | 4-H & FFA Market and Feeders, Showmanship and Breeding Boer Goats – Glacier Barn
- 8:00 a.m. | FFA & 4-H Breeding, 4-H & FFA Market and Feeders, 4-H & FFA Showmanship for Beef - Les McCabe Arena
- 4:00 p.m. | Beef Bred Heifers – Les McCabe Arena
- 7:30 p.m. | Beef Bred Heifer Sale – Dairy Show Ring

Thursday, June 6

- 8:00 a.m. | Registered (milk cows) – Dairy Show Ring
- 8:00 a.m. | Grade Dairy Cattle – Dairy Show Ring
- 10:00 a.m. | 4-H & FFA Breeding and Showmanship for Dairy Goat – Glacier Barn

Friday, June 7

- 7:00 a.m. | Market Rabbit & Cavy – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:00 a.m. | Breeding Rabbit and Cavy – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:00 a.m. | FFA Showmanship for Rabbit & Cavy – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 7:30 a.m. | 4-H Showmanship for Rabbit & Cavy – Hilmar Cheese Barn
- 8:00 a.m. | FFA & 4-H Dairy Showmanship – Dairy Show Ring
- 9:00 a.m. | Market & Breed Judging Poultry – Les McCabe Arena
- 9:00 a.m. | 4-H & FFA Showmanship Poultry – Les McCabe Arena
- 1:00 p.m. | Dairy Replacement Heifer Show – Dairy Show Ring
- 2:00 p.m. | Large Animal Round Robin – Les McCabe Arena
- 2:00 p.m. | Small Animal Round Robin – Les McCabe Arena
- 5:00 p.m. | Pee Wee Showmanship – Les McCabe Arena
- 6:30 p.m. | Small Animal Auction – Les McCabe Arena
- 7:30 p.m. | Dairy Replacement Heifer Sale – Les McCabe Arena



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Saturday, June 8

- 9:30 a.m. | Jr. Livestock Auction – Hilmar Cheese Barn
 - Youngsters from around the county in 4-H and FFA, as well as independent exhibitors, will watch their market goats, lambs, swine and beef go up for sale at the auction on Saturday, June 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m., as they look to take home the top prize and price for their animals. Come out and support these hard working 4-H, FFA and Independent students at the Merced County Fair!

Sunday, June

- 10:00 a.m. | Awards Presentation – Hilmar Cheese Barn

“This livestock program is the backbone of the Merced County Fair, providing important life-skill building experiences for our 4-H, FFA and Independent students who tirelessly care for, market and show their animal projects. I look forward to seeing the barns bustling with activity at this year’s Merced County Fair!”

- **Terri O’Leary-Collins, Livestock Superintendent**